

REMARKS

Specific support for the newly submitted claims may be found in original claims 14-30 and claims 143-149, the detailed description of the invention relating to co-expression of T1R1/T1R3 to produce a functional umami receptor, the definitions at pages 31-41 et seq. of T1R1 and T1R3 polypeptides, host cells, expression vector, etc. and the detailed description at pages 42-50 relating to co-expression of T1R1/T1R3 polypeptides and finally examples 3-13 wherein the recombinant production of functional heteromeric umami taste receptors according to the invention is exemplified.

Based on the foregoing, favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

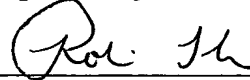
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

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